Youth Advisory Board Minutes February 2, 2012

Present: Barbara Ruhe, Patty Tiberio, Debra Hammer, Chris Healy, Cindy Zuerblis, George Bashura, Paul Montinieri, Penny Stanziale, Mary Ellen Gregorio, Nancy Stilwell (staff)

Absent: Victoria Borkowski, Sophie Fortunato, Victoria Borkowski, Nancy Flynn, Junito Mendez

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved (motion by Chris Healy, 2nd by George Bashura). Approved unanimously.

Nancy Stilwell provided an update:

- Crossroads enrollment is down most likely due to info being in Park and Rec brochure this year which is new. Will do more aggressive marketing for spring program.
- Juvenile Review Board (JRB) is going well with several active cases and the new format working well
- The department is very busy with energy, tax appointments and food bank clients
- The dept is beginning to plan for the Summer Employment Program (YES) and has notified the Guidance Counselors at WHS that we will be taking up to 12 students. We have enough funds to pay the students a stipend, however, additional funds would be helpful to expand programming.

Volunteer Recognition has been set for Thursday, May 3rd. Barbara has secured a Speaker, Judge Norko, for the event. Pat Meskill has agreed to be the MC. Nancy S. will prepare forms for the schools and we will aim to put labels on the invitations at the next meeting. Cynthia volunteered to type the labels and Mary Ellen agreed to get the post card invitations once we have the forms back. YAB members are asked to get raffle items (usually gift cards) from area merchants.

Discussion was held about possible activities/speakers for the summer program and potential fund raising options. Barbara mentioned a knitting fund raiser and further options will be considered at the next meeting.

Financial report: The YAB account currently has a balance of \$6,102.

The APRIL meeting date has been changed to April 12, 2012 to avoid conflict with Easter weekend and Passover.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patty Tiberio, 2nd by Chris Healy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stilwell, Ph.D., Director, Social and Youth Services